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AMENDMENT "C"

In response to Office Action dated 02/02/2006, please amend the claims by deleting the strike-through and/or bracketed [] portions and inserting the underlined portions as shown in Attachment (A).

COMMENTS

The Claims 1, 11, 19 as now amended, require that the composite in Claim 1 and sun shade in Claim 11 and Claim 19 requires that the composite is a clear transparent composite with inner and outer film layers, at least one film layer and the adhesive layer containing a fire retardant (FR) with the composite having a visible light transmission of less than 30%, haze below 6%, with UV absorber provided in the outer film layer and which meets the fire retardant standard: German Test method DIN 4102:B2.

The claimed composite differs from the composite disclosed in Valinski in that, the selected range of light transparency is lower making the film more suitable as a shade material, the material has considerably improved haze properties, the PET outer film layer comprises FR material, and the composite meets the fire retardant standard Din 4102:B2.

None of the cited art shows a similar combination of materials and properties including Valinski.